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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Madam:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated January 8, 2007.

The Examiner requires restriction of the above-referenced application to one of the following inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-28, drawn to a biocompatible meniscal repair device; and  
Group II: Claims 29-31, drawn to a method of surgically repairing meniscal defects.

Applicants elect the Group I claims (claims 1-28), with traverse. Accordingly, claims 29-31 are withdrawn from consideration and Applicants reserve the right to pursue these claims in a divisional application.

Reconsideration of this restriction/election requirement is requested in so far as a single search should suffice for examination of all aspects of this application.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicants if such communication is deemed to expedite prosecution of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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